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ANNCR:

"THIS WEEK."

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK GONE BY. A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF THE IDEAS, AND THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS -----.

NARR:

THIS WEEK THAT BROUGHT IN THE NEW YEAR SAW AN INCREASE OF DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN AFRICA, LOOKING AHEAD TO THE UPCOMING AFRICAN SUMMIT MEETING ON ANGOLA. AN AMERICAN ENVOY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM SCHAUFLE, FLEW TO FIVE AFRICAN NATIONS TO PUSH FOR AN END TO THE FIGHTING IN FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY, WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY FORMED BY THE RIVAL FACTIONS.

SIMILAR APPEALS WERE MADE IN NEW YEAR'S MESSAGES BY TWO AFRICAN LEADERS -- PRESIDENTS KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA AND AHIDJO OF CAMEROON. THEY CALLED FOR AN END TO ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AS WELL AS A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT AMONG THE THREE WARRING GROUPS.

ANOTHER NEW YEAR'S APPEAL ON THE SUBJECT CAME FROM SOUTH AFRICA'S PREMIER VORSTER, WHO WARNED THAT AFRICA RISKS ENSLAVEMENT IF THE COMMUNISTS ARE ALLOWED TO WIN THE ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR. HE URGED GREATER WESTERN INVOLVEMENT TO PREVENT SUCH A POSSIBILITY.

HERE IN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT FORD TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE SOVIET UNION APPEARS TO UNDERSTAND THAT DETENTE COULD BE

DESTROYED BY WHAT HE TERMED, A HEAD-TO-HEAD CONFLICT IN ANGOLA. AND HE SAID THERE ARE A LOT OF BEHIND-THE-SCENES EFFORTS TO AVOID SUCH CONFLICT.

HOWEVER, MISTER FORD ADDED THAT THERE ARE NO VISIBLE SIGNS THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS EASING SUPPORT FOR THE POPULAR MOVEMENT -- WHICH IS FIGHTING AGAINST A WESTERN-BACKED COALITION OF UNITA AND THE NATIONAL FRONT. RECENT SOVIET PRESS COMMENTS EMPHASIZED THAT MOSCOW DOES NOT INTEND TO PULL OUT OF ANGOLA.

ON THURSDAY, THE WHITE HOUSE DENIED A REPORT BY AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPER THAT HUNDREDS OF FORMER U-S SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO FIGHT IN ANGOLA. THE REPORT IN THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR WAS LABELLED BY A PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN AS "WITHOUT FOUNDATION." THE NEWSPAPER SAID THE TROOPS, ALLEGEDLY RECRUITED BY THE C-I-A, WERE TO ASSIST THE PRO-WESTERN FACTIONS.

UNITA THIS WEEK CALLED ON THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO REVERSE ITS POSITION, EXPRESSED TWO WEEKS AGO, AND RESTORE AMERICAN MILITARY AID TO THE PRO-WESTERN COALITION. BUT UNITA LEADER DOCTOR JONAS SAVIMBI ALSO TOLD REPORTERS:

TAPE/SAVIMBI

"WHATEVER THE CONSEQUENCES, WHATEVER THE RESULTS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT. BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO BE SLAVES OF RUSSIA IN ANGOLA -- IN OUR OWN COUNTRY. WHICH MEANS THAT WE ARE DETERMINED TO FIGHT. IF WE HAVE HELP FROM AMERICANS -- GOOD. IF WE DON'T HAVE IT -- LEAVE IT, WE WILL CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE."

NARR:

PRESIDENT FORD THIS WEEK WAS AGAIN CRITICAL OF THE AID RESTRICTIONS VOTED BY THE SENATE. BUT IN CONGRESS ITSELF, SOME LEADING SENATORS WARNED THEY WILL BLOCK ANY FURTHER ATTEMPTS BY THE ADMINISTRATION ON TO SEND MORE AID TO ANGOLA.

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TENSIONS WERE RISING THIS WEEK IN ANOTHER PART OF AFRICA. WELL TO THE NORTH, THE DISPUTE THAT PITS MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA AGAINST ALGERIA, LED TO REPORTS THAT ALGERIAN TROOPS WERE MASSING ALONG THE MOROCCAN BORDER. ALGERIA OBJECTS TO THE UPCOMING TRANSFER OF SPANISH SAHARA FROM SPAIN TO MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA.

MOROCCAN KING HASSAN AND MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH MET THIS WEEK IN RABAT TO COORDINATE STRATEGY IN THE DISPUTE. ALGERIAN AND LIBYAN LEADERS DID LIKEWISE AND ANNOUNCED THEY ARE AGREED ON THEIR OPPOSITION TO MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN CONTROL OF SPANISH SAHARA. BUT ON THURSDAY, MAURITANIA AND LIBYA ALSO HELD DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROBLEM.

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FROM THE MIDDLE EAST THIS WEEK, THE NEWS WAS SOMEWHAT BRIGHTER. NEW YEAR WAS CELEBRATED IN BEIRUT WITH A SLACKENING OF THE STRIFE BETWEEN RIGHT-WING CHRISTIAN AND LEFT-WING MOSLEM FACTIONS. A GOVERNMENT-IMPOSED CURFEW, ENFORCED BY LEBANESE ARMY TROOPS AND SECURITY FORCES, RELAXED TENSIONS IN THE CAPITAL, BUT SHOOTING WAS STILL HEARD IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND SUBURBS.

BEIRUT'S CURFEW, AS WELL AS A TOUGH "SHOOT TO KILL" ORDER GIVEN TO GOVERNMENT PATROLS, WERE AGREED UPON BY

LEBANON'S JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME ALL FACTIONS AGREED ON SUCH STRONG MEASURES.

BUT IN POLITICAL TALKS TO END THE FIGHTING THERE WAS LESS AGREEMENT. MARONITE CHRISTIAN LEADERS REPORTEDLY OBJECTED TO A SYRIAN-BACKED COMPROMISE FORMULA WHICH AMONG THINGS CALLS FOR EQUAL DIVISION OF PARLIAMENTARY SEATS BETWEEN MOSLEMS AND CHRISTIANS, AND ELECTION OF LEBANON'S PREMIER BY PARLIAMENT.

(OPT) IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, THE LEBANESE CABINET TOOK ACTION THIS WEEK TO SAVE THE TROUBLED AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT WHICH HAS BECOME A CASUALTY OF THE NATION'S CIVIL STRIFE. THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, UNABLE TO OPEN LAST SEPTEMBER BECAUSE OF THE FIGHTING AND CAUGHT IN A FINANCIAL CRISIS, WILL BE GIVEN ENOUGH MONEY TO KEEP GOING -- AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT. PLANS CALL FOR THE SCHOOL TO REOPEN NEXT WEEK. (END OPT)

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ISRAEL AND EGYPT QUICKLY RESOLVED A DISPUTE THIS WEEK THAT THREATENED TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEXT PHASE OF THEIR SINAI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. EGYPT SUNDAY WAS TO BEGIN BUILDING AN EARLY WARNING STATION NEAR THE GIDI PASS, BUT THE TWO SIDES DISAGREED ABOUT THE SIZE AND LOCATION OF THE FACILITY. BUT AFTER A MEETING BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN ARMY OFFICERS ON MONDAY, THE ISSUES WERE RESOLVED AND AN EGYPTAIN CONVOY MOVED THROUGH ISRAELI LINES AT MIDWEEK TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION.

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(OPT) ANOTHER DISPUTE -- THIS ONE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA -- APPEARED CLOSER TO SETTLEMENT THIS WEEK. THAILAND REOPENED ITS BORDER WITH LAOS THURSDAY, ONCE-AGAIN PERMITTING A FLOW OF GOODS AND PEOPLE INTO THE LAND-LOCKED COUNTRY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE MID-NOVEMBER.

THAI FOREIGN MINISTER CHATICHAI CHOONHAVAN SAID HIS GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO RE-OPEN THE FRONTIER AS A NEW YEAR'S GESTURE, AFTER LAOS EXHIBITED, WHAT HE CALLED, A SOFTER POLICY TOWARDS THAILAND. THAI OFFICIALS SAID HUNDREDS OF PERSONS CROSSED THE BORDER WHEN IT WAS REOPENED. THAILAND HAD SEALED THE FRONTIER AFTER COMMUNIST PATHET LAO FORCES FIRED ON A THAI PATROL BOAT IN THE MEKONG RIVER -- KILLING ONE PERSON. (END OPT)

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HERE IN THE UNITED STATES, A SHADOW FELL OVER THE NEW YEAR FOR MANY HOLIDAY TRAVELERS, FRIGHTENED BY A DEADLY BOMB BLAST AT NEW YORK'S LAGUARDIA AIRPORT. LATE MONDAY, A HUGE BOMB EXPLODED IN A BAGGAGE CLAIM AREA, KILLING ELEVEN PERSONS AND INJURING SEVENTY-FIVE.

PRESIDENT FORD IMMEDIATELY ORDERED INCREASED SECURITY AT AIRPORTS AROUND THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS A TASK FORCE OF THREE HUNDRED F-B-I AGENTS TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT. BUT AT WEEK'S END THERE WAS LITTLE EVIDENCE AS TO WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBING.

A NUMBER OF ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLERS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE LAGUARDIA BLAST, AND AT AIRPORTS THROUGHOUT THE NATION, THERE WERE MANY FALSE BOMB THREATS. SOME CALLERS SAID THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBING, BUT THE P-L-O DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT.

IN NEW YORK, P-L-O UNITED NATIONS DELEGATE ZUHDI TERZI TOLD REPORTERS:

TAPE/TERZI

"THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION CATEGORICALLY DENIES ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE CRIMINAL ACT. AND REGRETS THAT SOME SICK PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO ATTRIBUTE SUCH CRIMINAL ACTS TO THE JUST CAUSE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. WE CONDEMN SUCH ACTS AND SUCH ALLEGATIONS."

NARR:

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED IN BEIRUT, THE P-L-O SAID THE NEWS MEDIA WAS TRYING TO DISCREDIT AND EMBARASS IT BEFORE THE UPCOMING UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MIDDLE EAST DEBATE.

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THOSE SIX TERRORISTS WHO KIDNAPPED THE OIL MINISTERS FROM A VIENNA MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES, WERE FREED BY ALGERIA THIS WEEK. THE MIXED GROUP OF PRO-PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS REPORTEDLY WENT TO LIBYA. THE RELEASE WAS PART OF AN AGREEMENT WORKED OUT BY ALGERIA TO GAIN FREEDOM FOR THE OPEC MINISTERS.

IN ALGIERS, AN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY COMMENTARY SAID THE DECISION WAS NOT ALGERIA'S ALONE. DEFENDING THE RELEASE, THE NEWS AGENCY SAID THE GOVERNMENTS WHOSE MINISTERS WERE KIDNAPPED, CONCURRED IN THE DECISION TO SAVE THE HOSTAGES BY FREEING THEIR CAPTORS. AUSTRIA HAD SAID IT WOULD SEEK THE RETURN OF THE TERRORISTS TO PUT THEM ON TRIAL.

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THE BODY OF SLAIN U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENT RICHARD WELCH WAS RETURNED HOME TO THE UNITED STATES THIS WEEK FROM GREECE. MISTER WELCH WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY MASKED GUNMEN IN ATHENS LAST WEEK. MISTER WELCH'S FELLOW C-I-A EMPLOYEES HELD MEMORIAL CEREMONIES IN HIS HONOR AT C-I-A HEADQUARTERS IN LANGLEY, VIRGINIA.

THE GREEK GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IT IS OFFERING A ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARRESTS OF MISTER WELCH'S MURDERERS.

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FORMER GREEK PRESIDENT GEORGE PAPADOPOULOUS AND THE MAN WHO SUCCEEDED HIM AS STRONGMAN, GENERAL DIMITRIOS IONNIDES, WERE BOTH GIVEN JAIL TERMS TUESDAY BY A GREEK COURT. THEY HAD BEEN CONVICTED FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE BLOODY SUPPRESSION OF A STUDENT UPRISING IN ATHENS TWO YEARS AGO. MISTER POPADOUPOLOS WAS SENTENCED TO TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN JAIL, GENERAL IONNIDES TO LIFE IN PRISON. EIGHTEEN OTHER PERSONS ALSO RECEIVED JAIL SENTENCES.

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(OPT) A SCATTERED SERIES OF TRAGEDIES MARRED THE NEW YEAR IN MANY PARTS OF THE GLOBE. IN INDIA, OFFICIALS ABANDONED HOPES FOR THE RESCUE OF MORE THAN THREE-HUNDRED SEVENTY MINERS.

A MINE IN EASTERN INDIA WAS FLOODED AFTER AN EXPLOSION LAST SATURDAY AND RESCUERS WORKED MOST OF THE WEEK TRYING TO PUMP MILLIONS OF LITERS OF WATER OUT OF THE SHAFT.

EARTHQUAKES STRUCK GREECE AND TURKEY WEDNESDAY CAUSING AT LEAST FOUR DEATHS AND WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION. THE TURKISH QUAKE SHOOK THE SAME AREA DEVASTATED BY A TREMOR LAST SEPTEMBER.

ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, A MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES JET CRASHED IN THE DESERT NEAR THE SAUDI-KUWAIT BORDER KILLING THE EIGHTY-TWO PERSONS ABOARD. THE MAJORITY OF THE VICTIMS -- ON A FLIGHT FROM BEIRUT TO DUBAI AND MUSCAT -- WERE LEBANESE.
(END OPT)

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IN ARGENTINA THIS WEEK, PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA PERON WAS CLEARED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OF PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN ALLEGED GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION. THE JUDGE SAID HE FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT PRESIDENT PERON TRIED TO MISUSE FUNDS FROM A PUBLIC CHARITY.

(OPT) EARLIER IN THE WEEK, ARGENTINA'S CONTROVERSIAL SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER FAILED TO APPEAR IN COURT IN BUENOS AIRES. HIS DAUGHTER SAID HER FATHER -- WHO IS ABOARD -- IS TOO ILL TO RETURN FOR HIS COURT APPEARANCE.

THE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED CORRUPTION IN MISSUS PERON'S GOVERNMENT CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES CONTINUED THIS WEEK, AS DID TERRORIST VIOLENCE. AN EXPLOSION -- BLAMED ON LEFTIST GUERILLAS -- SHOOK ARGENTINA MILITARY HEADQUARTERS TUESDAY, AND ON WEDNESDAY, ANOTHER BOMB BLAST KILLED ONE PERSON IN A BUENOS AIRES THEATER. (END OPT)

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INDIA'S RULING CONGRESS PARTY HELD ITS ANNUAL MEETING THIS WEEK AND DECIDED TO POSTPONE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR. THE CONGRESS PARTY ALSO VOTED FOR EXTENSION OF THE INDIAN STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CALLED FOR SWEEPING CHANGES IN THE NATION'S CONSTITUTION. ONE SUCH CHANGE WOULD BE REPLACEMENT OF BRITISH-STYLE PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT WITH STRONG PRESIDENTIAL RULE, AS IN FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES.

(OPT) A WEDNESDAY SPEECH TO THE PARTY CONFERENCE BY PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI, INCLUDED REFERENCES TO ALLEGED UNITED STATES INTERFERENCE IN INDIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IN WASHINGTON, THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSED CONCERN AND DISMAY OVER MISSUS GANDHI'S REMARKS. (END OPT)

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PORTUGAL'S MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES THIS WEEK PROPOSED THAT THE MILITARY SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE ITS ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT. THE PARTIES SUGGEST THE MILITARY LIMIT ITSELF TO A CONSULTATIVE ROLE UNDER A UNIVERSALLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

THE PROPOSALS WERE SUBMITTED TO A MILITARY COMMISSION SET UP LAST MONTH FOLLOWING AN ABORTIVE LEFT-WING MILITARY REVOLT. IF THE SUGGESTIONS ARE ACCEPTED, THEY WOULD CANCEL A PACT SIGNED LAST APRIL WHICH GAVE DICTATORIAL POWER TO THE ARMED FORCES.

(OPT) ON THURSDAY, THREE PORTUGUESE DEMONSTRATORS WERE KILLED WHEN NATIONAL GUARDSMEN FIRED INTO A CROWD IN THE NORTHERN CITY OF OPORTO. OFFICIALS SAID THE CROWD WAS ATTEMPTING TO FORCE ITS WAY INTO A PRISON WHERE REBEL OFFICERS ARE BEING DETAINED. SEVERAL THOUSAND DEMONSTRATORS GATHERED OUTSIDE THE PRISON IN SUPPORT OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS HELD SINCE LAST NOVEMBER'S ABORTIVE MILITARY COUP. (END OPT)

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THE SOVIET UNION DENIED CHARGES THAT IT HAS VIOLATED THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT MADE WITH THE UNITED STATES. IT ALSO SUGGESTED, WITHOUT ELABORATION, THAT THE U.S. MIGHT NOT BE ADHERING TO THE TERMS OF THE ARMS PACT.

THE MOSCOW STATEMENT -- PUBLISHED IN THE NEW YEAR'S DAY EDITION OF PRAVDA -- SAID THE SOVIET UNION STANDS FOR STRICT FULFILLMENT OF THE ARMS ACCORD AND FOR CONCLUSION OF A NEW AGREEMENT.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ACCUSED THE SOVIET UNION OF ANY VIOLATIONS OF THE SALT AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN SUCH CHARGES MADE BY U.S. CRITICS OF DETENTE.

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NEW YEAR'S WAS MARKED IN VENEZUELA AT MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY BY NATIONALIZATION OF ITS GIGANTIC OIL INDUSTRY. A FEW HOURS LATER, AT CEREMONIES FORMALLY TAKING OVER CONTROL OF NEARLY THIRTY OIL COMPANIES, VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ SAID HIS COUNTRY'S OIL REVENUES WILL BE USED TO END INEQUALITY AT HOME AND ELSEWHERE IN THE THIRD WORLD.

PRESIDENT PEREZ ALSO SAID THE OPEC NATIONS SHOULD NOT USE PETROLEUM AS A WEAPON BUT AS AN INSTRUMENT TO CORRECT INJUSTICES AND TO HASTEN THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES. (OPT) THE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT SAID HIS NATION HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT A NATION CAN RECOVER ITS NATIONAL RESOURCES IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP AND PEACE. THE FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES, WHOSE HOLDINGS WERE NATIONALIZED, WILL RECEIVE OVER ONE THOUSAND MILLION DOLLARS FOR THEIR PROPERTIES.

VENEZUELA'S OIL INDUSTRY IS THE FIFTH LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

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THERE WERE A NUMBER OF AMERICAN VISITORS IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA THIS NEW YEAR. DAVID EISENHOWER, GRANDSON OF THE LATE AMERICAN PRESIDENT, AND HIS WIFE JULIE NIXON EISENHOWER, FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON'S DAUGHTER, MET WITH CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG IN PEKING. THEY ALSO LUNCHEDED WITH CHINESE VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING.

CHAIRMAN MAO ASKED THE COUPLE TO CONVEY HIS REGARDS TO JULIE'S FATHER AND SAID THE FORMER PRESIDENT IS WELCOME TO REVISIT CHINA ANY TIME.

ON A SEPARATE TRIP, A GROUP OF AMERICAN CONGRESSWOMEN HELD TALKS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING VICE PREMIER TENG. AFTER THEIR DISCUSSIONS NEW YORK CONGRESSWOMAN BELLA ABZUG HAD THESE OBSERVATIONS:

TAPE/ABZUG

"I THINK THERE'S A DESIRE FOR CONTINUED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES, I THINK WE MAY HAVE SOME GENERAL DIFFERENCES AS TO WHAT ARE THE BEST WAYS OF ACHIEVING PEACE. BUT I THINK THERE IS AN OPENNESS AND A WILLINGNESS TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS AND TO MOVE FORWARD TO A MORE NORMAL RELATIONSHIP."

NARR:

NEWS REPORTS SAY THAT VICE PREMIER TENG WARNED THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ABOUT WHAT PEKING SEES AS THE DANGERS OF DETENTE.

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FINALLY IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK -- THE OPENING OF THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL YEAR. THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT NEW YEAR'S EVE BEGAN A YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS MARKING THE TWO HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES.

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THERE WERE THE TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S CHEERS AND CHAMPAGNE. BUT THERE WERE ALSO SPECIAL OBSERVANCES -- AS IN PHILADELPHIA -- BIRTHPLACE OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE -- WHERE THERE WERE CEREMONIES SURROUNDING THE FAMOUS LIBERTY BELL.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE, PRESIDENT FORD CALLED THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR A TIME THAT SPARKS A RENAISSANCE OF THE AMERICAN SPIRIT:

TAPE/FORD

"WE MOVE INTO THE FUTURE WITH THE STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE OF TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF A PROUD HERITAGE. LIBERTY IS THE MOST PRESCIOUS POSSESSION OF OUR PAST, AND IT STILL IS OUR GREATEST PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE. THE FREEDOMS WE HAVE TODAY MUST BE PRESERVED AND EXTENDED."

NARR:

PRESIDENT FORD, MARKING THE NEW YEAR. (END OPT)

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THOSE ARE SOME OF THE STORIES MAKING HEADLINES THIS WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS _____. JOIN US AGAIN NEXT _____, WHEN THE VOICE OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS ON "THIS WEEK!"

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